

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<p>In re Application of</p> <p>Dorothy French, et al.</p> <p>Appln. No.: 10/516,868</p> <p>Filed: December 3, 2004</p> <p>Title: <b>SCREENING METHOD</b></p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 1633</p> <p>Examiner: K. T. Hirianna</p> <p>Confirmation No: 1564</p> <p><b>Customer No: 09157</b></p> <p>Electronically filed on <u>November 6, 2007</u></p>
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**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This document accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 14, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given. An Amendment was filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action, on July 13, 2007. A Terminal Disclaimer was filed on August 30, 2007. The Office has not yet issued an Advisory Action. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the discussion provided, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that this document is separated from the transmittal letter or if fees are required, applicants petition the Commissioner to authorize charging our Deposit Account 07-0630 for any fees required or credits due and any extensions of time necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.